

U.S. To Give Secret Bay Of Pigs Data?

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department was reported today weighing the possibility of releasing long-secret testimony taken in a 1961 senatorial investigation of the Cuban invasion disaster.

The testimony, recorded in closed door sessions by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was said to have produced unanimity among high administration officials that no U.S. air cover was promised invading refugees.

But senators who heard the officials or read the record said it remained unclear whether three non-U.S. air strikes had been planned and one or more canceled — a point Senate Republican leader Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois has been belaboring in a personal investigation.

Sen. Bourke B. Hickenlooper of Iowa, chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, called yesterday for release of all of the testimony which would not affect national security.

Hickenlooper, a Foreign Relations committeeman, said there

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were "a number of unreconcilables" in the testimony. Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Allen W. Dulles, then director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and Adm. Arleigh A. Burke, then chief of naval operations, were among the witnesses.

Hickenlooper said release of the testimony had been discussed by Foreign Relations Committee members. But he said no formal action had been taken. But it was learned the testimony has been sent to State Department officials for renewed study.

Sen. George D. Aiken (R-Vt.) a committee member who heard the testimony, said he would not object to its publication although he would not urge it.

"Anybody could prove almost any point he wanted to by it," Aiken said.

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Among other things, he said it added up to the fact that while "certainly the invasion expected air cover," the witnesses took a united position "we never promised U.S. Air Force personnel to provide it."

Dirksen said that "statements are flooding in from all over the country about what went wrong. I am assembling a very interesting file which I will lay before the Senate Republican Policy Committee soon for whatever action it wants to take."

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